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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA

Project title and number:	Vegetable Development (GHA/72/012)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Agriculture
Date of approval:	April 1978
Starting date for project operations:	- 1/
Duration:	- 2/
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$86 100 (In kind)
Estimated additional UNDP contribution:	$238 900
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The differences in the climatic zones of Ghana allow vegetables of many species to be produced throughout the year. The Government has attempted to expand commercial outlets for vegetables, and food processing factories have been constructed at great expense, but these have been running considerably under capacity. Irrigation schemes in most regions, now under implementation, will extend the growing period into the dry season. The project is designed to involve small-scale farmers, as well as large-scale commercial producers, in the production programme and to reduce seasonal under-employment in areas affected by climatic and environmental conditions.

1/ Project operations started under Preparatory Assistance in January 1975.

2/ Including the period under Preparatory Assistance the project duration will be 4 years.

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2. UNDP assistance to the project began in 1975 under preparatory assistance.

II. The project

3. The long-term objective of the project is to create a solid production base for vegetables, particularly tomatoes and onions as fresh produce for the markets in the country throughout the year, and to supply produce to the canning factories which are currently grossly under-utilized.

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) introduce improved techniques and varieties of tomatoes suitable for production in selected areas; (b) identify a suitable combination of varieties and sequence of transplanting of tomatoes under irrigation; and (c) establish twenty small pump-irrigation schemes for the production of tomatoes, onions and other vegetables by small-scale farmers utilizing unexploited permanent water supplies and improved, inexpensive hand tools.

5. UNDP will provide for the services of one expert (vegetable production), in-service training, and equipment. The Government will provide suitable counterpart staff, buildings, equipment and supplies.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total approved
	$	$	$
Experts	72 000	139 800	211 800
Training	-	1 300	1 300
Equipment	4 000	93 600	97 600
Miscellaneous	10 500	4 200	14 700
	86 500	238 900	325 400

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